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"There's so much good in the worst
of us, and there's so much bad in the
best of us, that it doesn't behoove any
of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

Champ Clark.

If as speaker of the house of
representatives Champ Clark of
Missouri gives the right of way to
progressive legislation, which
has been strangled to death by the
Republicans, he will, in the opin-
ion of many politicians, make a
presidential possibility out of him-
self. It is being talked over in
the cloak rooms, and all agree that
Clark's chances are not so bad if
he makes good as speaker. It is
argued for the next speaker that
he is unsophisticated so far as any
deals with the special interests are
concerned. It is said he would be
an excellent compromise candidate
as he has the friendship and confi-
dence of both the so-called radical
and conservative wings of demo-
cracy. Clark is a man of com-
manding personality, and physi-
cally he is well preserved and
striking in appearance. He is
one of the plainest men, and one
of the frankest, in American poli-
tics.

In order to get business, Lib-
eral must work for it, and must
work for it intelligently. We be-
lieve that a city scales would be a
trade getter. A satisfied trader
will come back and his neighbor
will come, too. If a city scales
will draw trade and hold it, then
we ought to have it in operation
right away.

In spite of the active work the
Topeka Capital has done for him,
we hardly think a practical man
like Madison would turn down a
job in congress at \$7,500 a year
for a mere governorship at \$3,500.

The next thing some one will
start will be a campaign against
this aviation game because of its
attending dangers. This aviation
makes old time football look pre-
tty common as an undertaker's
diversion.

To our friends who comment on
the absence of editorials, we might
suggest that there are some people
who like to find a little news in a
newspaper.

The aristocratic element of Lib-
eral spent New Year's day and
Monday carrying in coal and
nursing the water pipes around
their houses.

One Liberal firm has shipped
258,000 bushels of wheat this year.

Things The People Pay For

Sofa pillows, peroxide of hydro-
gen, hoarhound drops, lemons and
sugar and Jamaica ginger—these
are a few of the little perquisites
purchased by the senate at the ex-
pense of the people during the past
year. The purchases are recorded
in the report of Senate Secretary,
Bennett. Sandwiched in the re-
port between extract of rose and
bromo seltzer is two quarts of cas-
tor oil. Taking senators home
after night sessions resulted in a
taxicab bill that would make a
Broadway star envious. There is
a record of Vice President Sher-
man's automobile troubles. Every
puncture is recorded with its cost
as are many other things of like
nature.—Hutchinson Gazette.

For Trade

I wish to trade improvements in
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new 8 room house, modern im-
provements throughout. Good
barn and other out buildings.
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railroad, for land in the vicinity
of Liberal.

POMEROY WILLIAMS,
Rt. 3, box 14.

For The State Schools.

It seems deplorable that at ev-
ery session of the legislature, all
the officials from the various state
institutions are compelled to go to
Topeka and spend from one to
seven weeks working for their re-
spective appropriations. Every es-
timate is cut down as much as pos-
sible before it is submitted to Au-
ditor Nation, who proceeds to cut
them some more. Then the Com-
mittee takes off another slice, pas-
ses the bill up to the Senate Com-
mittee which repeats the shaving
process. The natural result, of
course, is that occasionally an in-
stitution gets less than it needs.
Another objection is that the
heads of the various institutions
cannot plan extensions more than
two years ahead. The salaries of
the heads of the state schools are
about \$2,500 a year, and nearly
half of their time is devoted to
planning and conducting cam-
paigns for their appropriation
bills. It is not becoming to the
dignity a great school should have
to compel it to get out every two
years and grovel before a farmer
legislature for a sum of money
sufficiently large to enable it to
exist. It is generally conceded
that the state schools are desirable
and necessary, and it would be a
sensible move to set aside a defi-
nite portion of the state taxes to
maintain the state schools. We
concede the fact that they must be
supported, so why not save the
legislature the trouble of threshing
the matter out every two years?
Their time is valuable, or at
least it costs the state money, so
a saving to the state would result
if this plan were followed. It ap-
pears to us that the state institu-
tions have begged their living
long enough.

For Sale.

A good residence property,
close in. I will take a good team
of mares, wagon and harness, as
part payment on property, you
can see me at the furniture store
second door west of the post
office.

S. D. Newby.

Roll of Honor.

The following is a list of new sub-
scribers and those who have renewed:
F. A. Smith, Lorena, Okla., re-
newal.
A. R. Eddington, Longdale, Okla.
renewal.
A. H. Rhodes, Liberal, renewal.
G. O. Brown, Eureka, Kans., re-
newal.
C. N. Watson, Liberal, renewal.
N. A. Heitschmidt, Liberal Rt. 1
renewal.
G. S. Spencer, Arkalop, Kans.,
renewal.
Mrs. May E. Murphy, Meade,
Kans., new.
A. J. Murphy, Plains, Kans., new.
O. M. Nix, Liberal, Rt. 3 renewal.
Oscar Moon, Liberal, new.
Earl Moon, Liberal, new.
H. G. Vessels, Liberal, renewal.
G. W. Anders, Liberal, renewal.
T. M. Ellis, Liberal Rt. 1 renewal.
A. E. Stephenson, Liberal, Rt. 1
J. N. Evans, Liberal, renewal.
R. J. Sliger, Liberal, Rt. 4 new.
F. M. Bowles, Liberal, Rt. 4 new.
L. H. Sutton, Liberal, renewal.
J. H. Sutton, Bethany, Mo., re-
newal.
Albert Welch, Emato, Kans.,
renewal.
O. D. Nickle, Liberal, renewal.
A. L. Norton, Liberal, Rt. 4 re-
newal.
W. A. Lowry, Lorena, Okla.,
new.
E. Dudley, Liberal, renewal.
Chris Deitrick, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.,
renewal.
E. Seidel, Liberal, renewal.

\$100.00 Reward.

I will pay the above reward for
the arrest and conviction of any
person or persons illegally hand-
ling, driving off and disposing of
or butchering any of my stock.

C. M. Light,
Liberal, Kans.

So far as we have heard, not a
single watch party was held here
last Saturday eve. Is this attri-
butable to the dearth of marriage-
able daughters or the diminishing
number of eligible young men in
Liberal?

ARE WE FREE PEOPLE?

CENTRALIZED POWER AN EN- CROACHMENT ON LIBERTY.

While We Are Guaranteeing Liberty
Of Other Peoples, Why Not Guar-
antee Our Own—Hope
In Democracy.

At the isthmus President Taft as-
sured the inhabitants of Panama that
the United States would guarantee
their liberties. He spoke for the
American people as well as for their
government. While we are thus guar-
anteeing freedom to others, how is it
with ourselves? Are we as free today
as we were fifty years ago?

So far as legislation is concerned,
negro slavery, the greatest of modern
wrongs, was abolished by a three-line
addition to the constitution. Like the
white people, the blacks were freer
when that amendment was adopted in
1865 than they have ever been since.
Excessive lawmaking, especially ex-
cessive lawmaking at Washington,
where centralized power is always
eager for new conquests and nearly
always reckless of personal rights,
cannot fail to encroach upon true lib-
erty. Democracy and imperialism will
not mix.

One of the surest tests of wise law-
making is its effectiveness. Judged by
this standard we accomplish little. By
one legislative act, probably uncalled
for in the first place, we make neces-
sary many other acts, and finally
whole sections, interests and classes
become conscious of interference and
perhaps of oppression.

To create new offenses in morals,
industry and commerce that are dif-
ficult of proof and then by vexatious
and costly espionage to add greatly to
official power and expense is a favor-
ite method with those who would gov-
ern too much. To establish selfishly
an injustice or an inequality of some
kind, like the extortionate tariff, and
then attempt by additional laws to
cure the worst of its corrupt mani-
festations is another. To increase ex-
penditures so that many new forms
of taxation must be resorted to is still
another. Every tax that is wasteful
abridges popular rights in more ways
than one.

The daring operations of a few great
offenders have brought down upon the
country laws, regulations, spies, in-
quisitors, commissions, prosecutors
and tax-devourers that burden the in-
dustry and restrict the freedom of mil-
lions of honest men. Instead of aiming
straight at guilt, extortion and
wrong, government in most cases
avoids them and with new laws pun-
ishes the innocent everywhere. The
policy has been not to penalize crime
but to penalize American freedom,
American citizenship, American enter-
prise.

We have the protected trusts which
fight competition and tax reduction;
the protected express companies
which fight the parcels post; the sen-
ators of privilege who fight popular
elections; the plutocratic interests
which fight the income tax; the jin-
goes and the dollar diplomats who are
opposed to peace; the labor leaders
who fight the courts and freedom of
contract; the Sabbatarians who fight
a rational Sunday, and the prohibition-
ists who fight even the sacramental
use of wine. It is reasonable human
liberty that every one of these inter-
ests assails.

While we are guaranteeing the lib-
erty of other peoples, why should we
not guarantee our own? In the mat-
ter of morals, in the matter of harm-
less amusements and customs, in the
matter of business and industry, in
the matter of food and drink, in the
matter of free speech, in the matter of
a free press, in the matter of free la-
bor, in the matter of the human right
to enjoy without vicious restrictions
the proceeds of honest toil, and in the
matter of the natural right to be
shielded by society or government
from the blighting effects of favorit-
ism, combinations, conspiracies and
monopolies, we are not gaining ground
for liberty. We are losing it.

For Senators by Direct Vote.

The Democratic national platforms
of 1900, 1904 and 1908 each contained
a declaration in favor of the elec-
tion of United States senators by di-
rect vote of the people. That pub-
lic sentiment in support of this pro-
ject has been steadily growing in the
past ten years is undeniable. In the
next Congress the house of repre-
sentatives will be fully in the control
of the Democrats, and the senate will
be so constituted that a majority can
be easily commanded by them upon
any proposition which could have the
support of the progressive wing of the
Republicans. Of course, a majority
is not two-thirds, but the time will
have arrived when a proposal to sub-
mit to the states a constitutional
amendment providing for the direct
election of senators by the people will
be in all ways opportune. Indeed, if
the amendment were put forward by
the Democrats, the Republicans in the
senate could not oppose it without
furnishing to the other side a very
acceptable bit of campaign material
for the impending presidential cam-
paign. Campaign pledges, the merit
of the case, and calculations of party
expediency, therefore, all conspire to
point to this move as part of the
coming program of the Democratic
party. In the meanwhile, it is not
untimely to mention that the Roch-
ester platform declared for popular elec-
tion of senators, and that the party
has an opportunity of acting in the
spirit of that declaration without
waiting for a constitutional amend-
ment. This the Democrats in the
legislature can do by choosing for
United States senators the kind of men
whom public sentiment will approve
as fitted for this high post.

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TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT

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Wednesday after second Monday of September
Wednesday after second Tuesday of December

CITY

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A. Shumate

Liberal R. R. Time Card.

EAST BOUND.

No. 82, except Sunday, " " 7:20 a. m.
No. 4, Limited, " " 7:10 a. m.
No. 2, " " 11:30 a. m.
No. 34, " " 2:35 a. m.

WEST BOUND.

No. 83, except Sunday, " " 8:00 p. m.
No. 1, " " 1:45 p. m.
No. 3, Limited, " " 11:35 p. m.
No. 33, " " 1:45 a. m.

L. C. YOCUM, Agent.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Of-
fice at Dodge City, Kansas, November 26, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that

VIRGIL K. MILLER,

of Springfield, Kansas, who, on February 23,
1904, made homestead entry No. 22326, serial
No. 02800, for the northwest quarter of section
25, township 31, range 33 west, 6th principal
meridian, has filed notice of intention to make
final five years proof, to establish claim to the
land above described, before the clerk of the
district court of Seward county, Kansas, at
Liberal, Kansas, on

JANUARY 10, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: William Hyde
and Alvore D. Lamberson of Fargo, Kansas,
Samuel C. Garner of Springfield, Kansas, and
Fred L. Rhinnes of Harwood, Kansas.
Not coal land. H. F. MILLIKAN, Register.

First published December 16, 1910.

Notice of Dissolution of Part- nership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership
heretofore existing between Chas. Taylor and
D. G. Hamilton, under the firm name of Chas.
Taylor & Company, for the purpose of con-
ducting a general drug business in the city of
Liberal, Kansas, has been dissolved and that
D. G. Hamilton has retired from said firm and
business in the city of Liberal, Kansas.
By the terms of such dissolution it is agreed
that said D. G. Hamilton is to be relieved of
all liability for any contracts or bills made
by said firm.

The said dissolution to take effect October
1, 1910.

12-16-10.

D. G. HAMILTON

CHAS. TAYLOR

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office
at Dodge City, Kansas, December 3, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that

WILLIAM J. HARREL,

of Liberal, Kansas, who, on February 4, 1904,
made homestead entry No. 22400, serial No. 02870,
for the northeast quarter of section 12, town-
ship 34 south, range 35 west, 6th principal
meridian, has filed notice of intention to make
final five years proof, to establish claim to the
land above described, before the clerk of the
district court of Stevens county, Kansas, at
Hugoton, Kansas, on

JANUARY 16, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: David W.
Scott, Charles W. Scott, both of Liberal,
Kansas, and Jesse O. Hanner and Albert
Welch, both of Emato, Kansas.
Not coal land. H. F. MILLIKAN, Register.

First published December 9, 1910.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Of-
fice at Dodge City, Kansas, December 3, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that

WINNIE JUNE HARREL,

of Emato, Kansas, who, on February 4, 1904,
made homestead entry No. 22400, serial No. 02870,
for the northeast quarter of section 12, town-
ship 34 south, range 35 west, 6th principal
meridian, has filed notice of intention to make
final five years proof, to establish claim to the
land above described, before the probate judge
of Stevens county, Kansas, at Hugoton, Kan-
sas, on

JANUARY 16, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: David W.
Scott, and Charles W. Scott, both of Liberal,
Kansas, and Jesse O. Hanner and Albert
Welch, both of Emato, Kansas.
Not coal land. H. F. MILLIKAN, Register.

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